

In the Specification

Please replace the current Abstract with the following shortened Abstract:

A new use for an application program installer, such as the Microsoft Windows Software Installer (MSI) Application, which is operable to install an application program and rollback an installation if it appears unsuccessful, and a backup-restore application program operable to backup and restore a configuration of a machine. The application program installer is utilized to apply an update to the network resources on a server. A determination may be made whether to restore a pre-update configuration of the server with the backup-restore application program. Thus, in contrast with its normal operational use as an application program installer, MSI or equivalent software can be configured to apply upgrades, e.g., patches, etc., to the network resources, and the backup-restore application may be used to recover from a defective upgrade.